



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

RQ-2

May 10, 2006

Alan Butchman, Treasurer  
American Shipping Group Marine Resources Group  
32001 - 32nd Ave South Suite 200  
Federal Way, WA 98001

**Response Due Date:**  
**June 12, 2006**

Identification Number: C00411694

Reference: Amended April Quarterly Report (01/01/06-03/31/06), received  
04/06/06

Dear Mr. Butchman:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Your filings disclose that your committee may have satisfied the criteria for becoming a multicandidate committee; however, the Commission has no record of a FORM 1M (Notification of Multicandidate Status) filed by your committee. Please be advised that once a political committee meets the certification requirements of 11 CFR §100.5(e)(3) **or** becomes affiliated with an existing multicandidate committee, whether or not that political committee has certified its status as a multicandidate committee, it automatically attains multicandidate status and must file a FORM 1M (Notification of Multicandidate Status) within ten (10) calendar days. 11 CFR §102.2 (a)(3)

For further guidance on multicandidate status by affiliation, see 11 CFR §110.2(a)(1). Please submit a FORM 1M to disclose the required information for the public record. A copy of FEC FORM 1M can be downloaded from the FEC website at <http://www.fec.gov>, or requested through the FEC Fax line at (202) 501-3413.

**Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into

26039073771

consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1139.

Sincerely,



Karen E. Trainer  
Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

26039073773